

Docket No. 47176 DIV2 (70342)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: S. Hinuma et al. EXAMINER: D. Romeo  
SERIAL NO. 09/716,147 GROUP: 1647  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

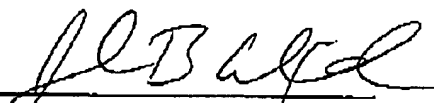
Applicants respond as follows to the Office Action dated March 11, 2002.

Applicants elect Group IV, drawn to claim 17, with traverse, as that Group is defined in the Office Action. The election is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action. The right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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